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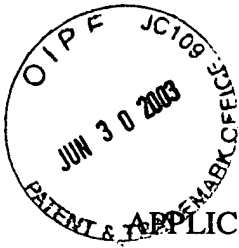
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SERIAL NO.: 09/931,222 ART UNIT: 3727
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dated: June 30, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth hereinbelow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1) (Currently Amended). A [device] handbag for carrying articles which comprises:

a) an enclosure [defining] which defines a primary storage space[, said enclosure defining] accessible through a primary opening of said enclosure;

b) at least one external compartment which is inaccessible through said primary storage space, said external compartment [comprises] including [includes] a closure panel pivotably movable toward and away from said enclosure for selectively providing access thereto[, said closure panel being pivotably movable toward and away from said enclosure];